

Interview Summary

Person(s) Interviewed: Sam Coleman, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6

Interviewers: Mary Kay Lynch, Allyn Stern, Susan Studien (all by phone)

Date: December 04, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm– 4:15 pm MST

Sam Coleman was interviewed on December 04, 2015, as part of an EPA led After-Action review of the Agency's response to the release at Gold King Mine in Colorado on August 5, 2015.

Synopsis of interview

General Observations and Recommendations.

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Notification

- First learned of the release from Joan Card, Region 8, approximately 24 hours after the release occurred. Martin Hesmark also spoke with Carl Edlund around the same time. Sam emailed Ron Curry, who was out of the office.
- Sam called New Mexico Department of the Environment on August 6. The state had already been contacted by the Southern Ute tribe a few hours earlier.

- Region 6 has an hour by hour timeline.

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